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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ASSEMBLING THE  
STEERING DEVICE  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 4, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered to place this application in condition for allowance:

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